



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2000

S. 2977

A bill to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 20, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2977 would cost \$14 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2977 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

S. 2977 would authorize the appropriation of up to \$14 million for the federal government's share of the costs of establishing and operating an interpretive center, museum, and trail system on nonfederal lands near Diamond Valley Lake, California. Under the bill, any federal funds provided for the projects must be matched with funds from nonfederal sources, which may include the state of California and local governments in the state. Such spending would be voluntary on the part of those governments. The bill would have no other significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

According to the Bureau of Land Management, federal assistance provided under S. 2977 would take the form of grants to a local museum foundation and a local water district in the amounts estimated to be necessary for the proposed projects each year. Based on information from the water district, CBO estimates that outlays for those grants would total about \$1 million in 2002, \$3 million in 2003, \$5 million in 2004, and \$5 million in 2005, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

On September 28, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4187, similar legislation ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 20, 2000. The two bills are very similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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